IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : H.S. Gifford III, et al Confirmation No.: 2779

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to an Office Action, dated May 22, 2009, which set a shortened statutory period for response to expire on August 22, 2009. This Amendment is being filed within the period set for response.

No fee, petition or certification is required.